The Best Way to Treat Others

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Mansoor: Baba, today at school, my friend Ayaan shared his lunch with a boy who didn't have any food. Our teacher praised him and said he showed kindness, just like the Prophet ﷺ taught us.

Baba: MashaAllah! That was a beautiful act of kindness. Islam teaches us to care for others, no matter who they are.

Mansoor: But Baba, what if someone is not kind to us? Do we still have to be nice to them?

Baba: Yes, my son. Kindness is not just for those who are good to us. Even if someone makes a mistake, we should treat them with respect and fairness. Let me tell you about a companion of the Prophet ﷺ named Abu Dhar (RA).

Mansoor: Oh! I love stories about the Sahabah! What happened to Abu Dhar (RA)?

Baba: One day, Abu Dhar (RA) said something unkind to another person. He insulted him by mentioning his mother in a bad way. When the Prophet ﷺ heard about this, he lovingly corrected Abu Dhar (RA) and said, "You still have some characteristics of ignorance."

Mansoor: Why did the Prophet ﷺ say that?

Baba: Because in Islam, we should never insult or look down upon others. The Prophet ﷺ reminded Abu Dhar (RA) that people under our care, like workers or helpers, are our brothers. We must treat them as we treat ourselves—giving them good food and nice clothes, just as we wear.

Mansoor: That means we should treat everyone equally, right?

Baba: Exactly! Whether someone is rich or poor, young or old, we are all brothers and sisters in Islam. Allah loves those who are humble and kind to others.

Mansoor: Baba, I want to be like the Prophet ﷺ and always be kind. Even if someone is mean, I will try my best to be good to them.

Baba: MashaAllah! That is the spirit of a true Muslim. Always remember, the way we treat others shows what is in our hearts. If we fill our hearts with kindness, love, and respect, Allah will bless us in this life and the Hereafter.

Mansoor: I will remember that, Baba! Tomorrow, I will help my friend Hamza carry his heavy bag.

Baba: That’s wonderful, my dear. Small acts of kindness make a big difference. May Allah always guide you on the right path.

Mansoor: Ameen!